

Class Requirements: 1) composition note book 2) textbook 3) writing utensil

Classroom Rules

1. Be prepared each day. Most days this will mean notebook/writing utensil/textbook/pass book (I will follow the policy here no book no pass – this does not mean you will need it in class).
2. Focus on me during instruction.
3. Follow the instructions the first time.
4. Be in your seat when the bell rings.
5. No food, pop, candy, or drink. No ipod or music boxes.
6. Show others respect and courtesy. Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking. Wait until others are finished talking. It is common courtesy to listen to the student asking the question. No one has permission to comment on another student's question in a negative manner. This is severe misbehavior. Discussions are good fun ways of learning. Manners are important. When we lose the ability to discuss then learning no longer is fun. I am the facilitator in all discussions. Treat others with respect – the way you might want to be treated.
7. Use time wisely.
8. Respect school property.
9. Clean up any mess that you might have made in lab situations or other. Backpacks can sometimes become a problem. If the privilege of bringing your backpack to class is abused you will not be allowed to bring it.
10. BEETS Classroom Expectations

Failure to follow classroom rules will result in a verbal warning for the first offense; and assigned detention for the second. Any further infractions will result in the student being asked to leave the classroom. **Severe Clause:** If a student displays severe misbehavior such as verbal abuse, fighting, or insubordination, they will immediately be assigned a detention or be sent to the office.

Your cooperation will be rewarded with one or more of the following: free study or reading time, less homework, no homework pass, extra credit offerings, etc....

Classroom Procedures

1. Assigned seats will be made using a seating chart. Each student must be in his/her assigned seat prior to the bell or he/she is considered tardy.
2. All students are expected to come prepared each day, having the proper materials for successful completion of the day's task: writing utensil, notebook, textbook, etc...
3. Textbooks are numbered and each student is responsible for the care and return of the textbook checked out to him/her. **The book should be kept clean, neat, and covered with heavy paper not the stretchy nylon covers** (they tend to break

- down bindings) **to prevent damage**. Each text will be thoroughly checked upon its return.
4. The student will be evaluated through daily assignments, tests, quizzes, and lab activities. Infinite campus is available to check current standings weekly.
 5. Missed Assignments – As noted in the student handbook, upon returning from an absence, the student has two days (per each day absent) in which to make up missed work. It is the student's responsibility to get any missed assignment. Upon return, check with me or with a classmate to get information regarding missed assignments. If handouts were given on days missed, check with me.
 6. All assignments are expected to be completed by the beginning of class on the due date. It is truly important to complete tasks on time to be successful. Assignments not completed on time will receive half credit. Assignments more than one day late will receive a grade of zero, which will remain. When turning in makeup work from an excused absence, write **ABSENT** at the top to assure that you receive full credit.
 7. This is science class, and science needs to be your primary focus while you are here. If you are following classroom rules, have a passing grade, daily work is finished, and any makeup work is turned in, then you may do work for other classes.
 8. Pass book. You must have it to leave this room. If you are not following rules, you may not receive a pass. It is something that should not be abused – one per week per say.

Assignments

1. Upper right hand corner: Name/Date/Assignment. If you don't have this information on your paper, the paper may not receive credit.
2. All work must be done neatly. Points will be docked if assignments are difficult to read.

Grading

1. School-wide grading scale will be used.
2. You will be graded on the total points earned. **Daily work, labs, quizzes, notebook**, and other activities will equal approximately **50% of your grade**. All **tests will total approximately 50% of your grade**. There will be a semester final at the end of each semester.
3. Bonus work or extra credit is something you have to earn.....If all other avenues have been explored, i.e. using time wisely, seeking help as needed, having a passing grade, all assignments turned in etc...

Composition Science Journal/Notebook .

1. Method of taking notes – chapter, section and date taken.
2. Include all notes or examples.
3. In order as given.

4. Must get notes when absent.
5. Neatness/usability is important. No doodles. Nothing that degrades your notebook should be written on it. Keep it clean and use only for this class.
6. Will be collected and graded following the unit test. Worth Approximately 10% of your final grade.
7. When notes are finished each day – assignments need to be recorded.
8. No assignment will be accepted if done on composition notebook paper.

Example of how to properly take notes:

Chapter One – Exploring and Classifying Life

Date Aug. 23/2008

1.1 What is science?

- Science** - a branch of knowledge or study;
- A systematized knowledge derived from observation, study, and experimentation carried on in order to determine the nature of principles of what is being studied.

Scientific method - is a series of steps that a person might use to solve a problem - or - to discover an answer to a question that one might be curious about.

Assignment = sect. rev quest 1-5 on page 13 due tomorrow.

Do your best and good luck on having a great year.